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"WOMEN OF THE WORLD UNITED FOR PEACE:
DISARMAMENT AND ITS SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES"

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1. KATHARINE KEMP OF WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM, ACCOMPANIED BY BARBARA JACOBSEN AND BARRY HOLLISTER OF SOCIETY OF FRIENDS CALLED ON AMB WHITE APRIL 18 TO INFORM HER OF PLANS FOR DISARMAMENT SEMINAR SCHEDULED AT UN MAY 7-9. THEY ASKED COOPERATION OF USUN, AND SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED THAT AMB WHITE ADDRESS OPENING SESSION.

2. AMB WHITE DECLINED INVITATION, VOICED HER CONCERN THAT SEMINAR UNLIKELY TO BE A CONSTRUCTIVE ONE BECAUSE OF SPONSORSHIP BY WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION. SHE EXPRESSED HER SUPRISE THAT WIDF, KNOWN TO BE MOSCOW-DIRECTED, WAS CHOSEN BY WILPF AS SOLE CO-SPONSOR AND HER DISAPPOINTMENT THAT STRUCTURE OF SEMINAR ALREADY FIRMLY SET AND NOT SUSCEPTIBLE TO ALTERATION AT THIS POINT.

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3. KEMP AND HOLLISTER MAINTAINED THAT SEMINAR WOULD

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BE BALANCED AND OBJECTIVE, SUPPORTING ONE OF THREE
PRINCIPAL THEMES OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR, WORLD
PEACE. BOTH POINTED OUT THAT LARGE NUMBER OF NGOS (E.G.
CHURCH GROUPS, WORLD FEDERATION OF UN ASSOCIATIONS) WERE
COOPERATING. AMB WHITE SAID SHE REGRETTED
THAT THOSE ORGANIZATIONS HAD NOT BEEN INCLUDED AS CO-SPONSORS
FROM INCEPTION OF SEMINAR, AND PARTICIPATED IN ITS
ORGANIZATION. SHE ALSO SAID THAT, HAD USUN BEEN CONSULTED
AT THE BEGINNING, RATHER THAN AT THIS LATE DATE, THAT WOULD
HAVE BEEN OUR SUGGESTION.

4. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY, KEMP PRODUCED LIST OF COUNTRIES
FROM WHICH FOREIGN INVITEES, ALL SELECTED BY WIDF, WILL COME.
AMB WHITE POINTED TO THIS AS A FURTHER EXAMPLE OF WIDF
DOMINATION OF SEMINAR.

5. FOLLOWING COUNTRIES ON LIST:

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ARGENTINA
AUSTRALIA
CANADA
CHILE
CUBA
CYPRUS
CZECHOSLOVAKIA
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
FINLAND
FRANCE
GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
GREECE
GUINEA-BISSAU
HUNGARY
INDIA
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